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## **SUPERVISOR DIMITRIJEVIC APPLAUDS PARKS, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE'S UNANIMOUS DECISION TO SUPPORT GREEN PRINT**

*6-0 vote advances higher environmental and conservation standards*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic updated reporters this morning on the progress of her Green Print legislation, a proposed conservation ethic and plan for Milwaukee County to become more environmentally responsible. A coalition of 13 citizen groups representing approximately 10,000 residents joined Supervisor Dimitrijevic at today's news conference and Committee meeting to show their support.

"I thank my colleagues for their solid support. This is the first step in adopting the Green Print for Milwaukee County," Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. "The status quo is no longer acceptable. After years of abandoning our infrastructure, it's time to make an investment, modernize the way we provide services, and preserve our resources for future generations. By passing the Green Print, Milwaukee County can lead by example."

Shortly after the news conference, the County Board's Parks, Energy & Environment Committee voted 6-0 to endorse Supervisor Dimitrijevic's initiative. The Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee will consider the Green Print Wednesday morning. The Green Print incorporates many important points, including:

- Utilizing more renewable energy sources and modernizing our infrastructure to increase performance and lower energy consumption, benefiting taxpayers and the environment.
- Updating the County fleet with hybrids and alternative-fuel powered vehicles.
- Turning unused parkland back into native grasslands, managing storm water runoff and studying the use of "gray water" where appropriate.
- Requiring that all County-supported construction projects meet Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) standards by 2008.
- Creating a new cabinet-level position to oversee implementation of the Green Print.

“Each and every dollar invested will result in several dollars worth of benefits to Milwaukee County,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. “As high energy costs put a major strain on departmental budgets, we can certainly use these financial and environmental advantages.”

Supervisor Dimitrijevic was joined by representatives from the Sierra Club, Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, the Good Jobs and Livable Neighborhoods Coalition, The Parks People, Milwaukee County Conservation Coalition, the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters, IBEW Local 2150, Friends of Milwaukee’s Rivers, Groundworks Milwaukee, Urban Open Space Foundation, Wisconsin Green Building Alliance and One Wisconsin Now, Institute for Wisconsin’s Future

“I would like to thank the members of this grassroots coalition for their support of the Green Print,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic added. “As a member of the Sierra Club, I’ve seen first hand the fruits of the labor that groups in our community can produce.”

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